The above decisions have been disseminated to the States. Letters have also been sent by Minister of Panchayati Raj on 19th April, 2006 and by the Deputy Chairman. Planning Commission, to the Chief Minister of States on 24th May, 06 to persuade the States to constitute DPCs and issue guidelines for preparation of plans by Panchayats and their consolidation through DPCs according to the Constitutional mandate.

Ministry of Panchayati Raj has also written to the Planning Commission to advise the Ministries concerned to modify the schemes guidelines of the schemes under Bharat Nirman to provide a role to Panchayats in accordance with the position agreed during the meeting of the Group of Secretaries on 01.03.2006.

Empowered Sub Committee on Financial and Administrative empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institutions during its meeting on 12.06.2006 recommended that Central Ministries dealing with subject listed in the 11th Schedule must also create a Panchayat window in their respective budgets for those activities, which are entrusted to Panchayats. Ministries would also modify their guidelines to specifically list the activities to be entrusted to Panchayats. It was also recommended that Activity Mapping for flagship schemes as also for programmes under Bharat Nirman should be given priority.

Restriction in RTI Act

2173. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to restrict right to information in respect of its certain decisions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it would result in bringing an end to the transparency and deprive the public to seek information about the working of Government; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

(a) to (c) Based on the experience of working of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Government propose to clarify and to make certain amendments of the Act.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Setting up of a National Centre for Governance

2174. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Centre of Governance to hone up the administrative skills of its bureaucratic cadre and to enhance its managerial skills;

(b) whether the proposed Centre would function on the lines of Kennedy School of Government and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Affairs; and

(c) whether the present course content at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Institute of Public Administration, Mussorie would be revised and updated to enhance managerial skills of IAS cadre to global standards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Inter-State Council in its meeting held on 28th June, 2005 considered the "Blue Print of Action Plan on Good governance" and endorsed the 139 Point Action Plan which *inter alia* includes setting up of the National Centre for Good governance (NCGG). The proposal to set up the NCGG is under consideration of the Union Government. NCGG is envisioned to be a world-class institution in guiding good-governance reforms in India and the developing world.

(c) A Committee has been set up to review the syllabus of induction training at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) and District Training given to IAS Officers. The Committee is yet to submit its report to the Government.